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commissioner of charities and corrections. Every person afflicted with the aforesaid defects, or either of them, shall be deemed to be under the guardianship of the commissioner of charities and corrections, who may, if in his judgment necessity requires, make legal commitment of such persons to the proper institutions of this State, or, in lieu therefor, supervise the care and treatment of such persons.

Guardianship under this act shall be construed to mean the supervision of the commissioner of charities and corrections over such afflicted persons within this act, and shall be exercised for the purpose of enforcing proper care and discipline over such afflicted persons.

Advice upon any questionable or extreme cases or for any other information necessary to make proper diagnosis shall be given by specialists at the request of the department of charities and corrections in the interest of the welfare of the State and its deficient.

6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect immediately.

**Occupational Diseases—Reports of Cases of. (Act, Chap. 351, Apr. 1, 1912.)**

1. Every physician attending upon or called in to visit a person whom he believes to be suffering from poisoning from lead, phosphorus, arsenic, or mercury, or their compounds, or from anthrax, or from compressed-air illness, contracted as a result of such person's occupation or employment, shall within 30 days after his first professional attendance upon such person send to the State board of health a written notice, stating the name and full post-office address and place of employment of such person, and the nature of the occupation, and the disease or ailment from which, in the opinion of such physician, the person is suffering, with such other specific information as may be required by the State board of health.

2. Any physician who shall fail to perform the duty imposed by section 1 of this act within the time therein limited shall be liable to a penalty of \$25 for each offense. Any penalty incurred under the provisions of this act shall be sued for and recovered in an action of debt by and in the name of the board of health of the State of New Jersey. All penalties collected under this act shall be paid by said board into the treasury of the State of New Jersey.

3. It shall be the duty of the board of health of this State to enforce the provisions of this act, and it may call upon the local boards of health and health officers of such local boards of health for assistance. It shall be the duty of all local boards of health and all health officers, when so called upon for such assistance, to render the same. It shall be the duty of the said board of health of this State to transmit any data received under the provisions of section 1 of this act to the commissioner of labor of this State.

**Ophthalmia Neonatorum—Cases of, to be Reported. (Reg. St. Bd. of H., Aug. 6, 1912.)**

*Resolved*, That in accordance with the provisions of chapter 381 of the laws of 1911, which empower the State board of health to require, in addition to the diseases named in the act, the reporting of "any other contagious or communicable disease which may hereafter be publicly declared by the State board of health to be preventable and specially dangerous to the public health;" the State board of health does hereby declare *Ophthalmia neonatorum* to be preventable and specially dangerous to the public health, and physicians shall report cases of the disease coming under their professional supervision to local boards of health in accordance with the requirements of chapter 381 of the laws of 1911.

Physicians in attendance upon cases of *Ophthalmia neonatorum* will now be required to report such cases to the local boards of health and local boards to forward duplicates of the physicians' reports to the State board of health.